

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The United States Army is celebrating its 231st birthday on June 14, 2006, with the theme, A Call to Duty; and,

Whereas, On this day with great pride, the United States Army will recognize thousands of young Americans who have answered, and continue to answer, the call to service. Those young men and women have shown, and continue to show, a profound sense of duty, honor, integrity and courage; and,

Whereas, The All-Recruited Army is a uniquely American phenomenon that began as an experiment at the height of the Cold War, and the quality of the volunteer force remains unprecedented; and,

Whereas, Today, the United States Army is recognized as the premier army in the world, with soldiers serving in 120 countries; and,

Whereas, American soldiers, many from the great state of South Dakota, are voluntarily foregoing comfort, facing hardship and sacrifice and confronting danger in defense of the nation; and,

Whereas, The United States Army is, and will remain, a testament to the success of South Dakota Army recruiters in attracting the nation's best and brightest to become An Army of One:

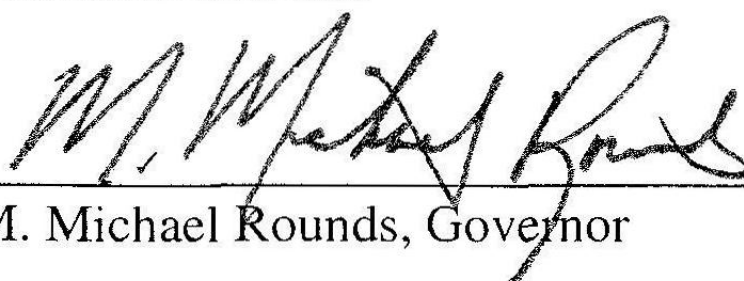
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, in recognition of this important event, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2006, as

ARMY DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State